



Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul Scholarships
2024 Application Guidelines

DESCRIPTION

Through an endowment established by the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul in 2020, these scholarships are available to eligible graduating and/or former choristers of Cantabile’s youth choirs (Luminoso and Vivace, formerly known as Youth Singers) who are pursuing post-secondary education at University or College. The scholarships are intended to reward choristers who demonstrated exceptional dedication to Cantabile during their tenure.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must have been a member of the Cantabile youth choirs (Luminoso and Vivace, formerly known as Youth Singers) for a **minimum of two years**.

ASSESSMENT

This application is built around two core values that are shared by Cantabile and the Sisters of Providence: Commitment and Passion.

Applications will be assessed according to the following criteria:

a) Commitment: Candidate demonstrates commitment to Cantabile, as assessed through:

- Track-record of attendance, preparation, and cooperation at rehearsals, concerts, tours (if applicable), and other events
- Number of years participating as a chorister
- Whether or not the candidate was a Cantabile member for their final year of high school

b) Passion: Candidate demonstrates passion in their lives, as assessed through:

- A description of their passion: what it is, how it shapes who they are and who they want to be
- An example of your passion in action. This example may be:
 - A written example of a time when you put your passion into action
 - A mixed-media example of your passion in action. This might be a video, a recording, a painting or other example of creative work

c) Priority Groups: All candidates who meet the eligibility criteria are welcome to apply. However, members of the following priority groups receive additional points

- pursuing studies in the field of music, health, or education
- in need of financial assistance.

d) Attestation of Need: Applicants who indicate that they need financial assistance are required to complete the “Attestation of Need” form. This form gives you an opportunity to demonstrate need, by providing information about your financial circumstances, funding available for your education (e.g., savings, RESP, family support, scholarships) and additional expenses or debts above and beyond post-graduate tuition.

e) Letter of Recommendation: Provide one (1) letter of recommendation from a non-family member that is qualified to comment on one or more of the following items: your character, your passion, your commitment, potential for success in your post-secondary field of study.

GUIDELINES & CHECK-LIST

Candidates must submit a completed application, and all required supplementary material on or before **5:00pm on July 15, 2024**.

- SoP Scholarship - Application Form (Part 1: Commitment and Leadership)
- SoP Scholarship – Application Form (Part 2: Attestation of Need)
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation (may be emailed separately)

Applications must be sent by email to info@cantabilechoirs.net.

Applicants who require assistance or accommodation for the completion of this application may contact Artistic-Executive Geoffrey Sirett to discuss your needs: gsirett@cantabilechoirs.net

SELECTION PROCESS

Applications will be assessed by a selection committee. The selection committee will consist of the following members: a member of Cantabile's Board of Directors, Cantabile's Artistic Director, and one additional Cantabile community member. The number of scholarships awarded is at the sole discretion of the selection committee and the Board of Directors. If in any year there are no candidates who satisfy the selection criteria, scholarships may not be granted.

Preference will be given to applicants who have not received a scholarship. Choristers who have received two (2) scholarships will no longer be eligible.

This application and all guidelines are subject to annual review and may change. Please ensure that you consult the most recent version of this application, available at www.cantabilechoirs.ca



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Please complete all required fields. Incomplete applications may not be considered.

APPLICANT DETAILS:

Name:

Email:

Phone:

Number of years as an active Cantabile member:

Year of graduation from high school:

Year of graduation from Cantabile:

If the year of graduation from high school and year of graduation from Cantabile are different, please describe the circumstances that contributed to this discrepancy (examples might include COVID-19 pandemic, extra-curricular or work conflict, illness, gap year between high school and post-secondary study, etc.)

Post-secondary Institution:

Field of Study:

EXPERIENCE WITH CANTABILE (approx. 300 words)

Please describe your experience with Cantabile; you may comment on memorable experiences, valued lessons, how Cantabile and/or its staff/music/culture impacted your musical, professional, or personal life.

TELL US WHAT YOU ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT (approx. 100 words)

Tell us what you're passionate about, how it informs who you are, and who you would like to become. Your passion can be anything; it doesn't have to be music, and it doesn't necessarily have to relate to your chosen field of study.

PASSION IN ACTION (max. 300 words)

Provide an example of your passion into action. You may choose one of the following options to illustrate your passion:
OPTION 1: Provide a written description of your passion in action: a time when you put your passion into action and what you learned from the experience. Use the text box below (max. 350 words)
OPTION 2: Provide a non-written example that you think best demonstrates your passion in action: this may be a video submission, a recording, a painting/photograph, or other creative work. If you choose to submit a non-written example, please use the text box below to briefly describe your example and how you think it illustrates your passion. Non-written examples should be sent as an email attachment, or you can provide a URL link to your example using the field below.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (if required)

One of the priorities for these scholarships is providing financial relief to those in need. Indicate here if you need financial assistance.

- I am in need of financial assistance

ATTESTATION OF NEED (if required)

Applicants who indicate that they need financial assistance are required to complete the “Attestation of Need” portion of this application.

Please provide the committee with some detailed information about your financial circumstances, funding available for your education (e.g., savings, RESP, family support, scholarships) and additional expenses or debts above and beyond post-graduate tuition. Describe how financial relief would impact your studies and your ability to reach your personal and academic goals.

Please note that the committee may contact you if they require additional information and clarification about the details you provide.